

*Suffolk County  
Child Support  
Enforcement Bureau*

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*Where is.....??*  
**THE SUFFOLK COUNTY CHILD  
SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT BUREAU**

- Location: 3455 Veterans Memorial Highway, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
- Mail: P.O. Box 18030, Hauppauge, NY 11788
- Lobby hours M, T, Th, Fri - 8:15am - 4:00pm
- Wednesdays by appointment only



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*Child Support Enforcement  
Bureau..... Also known as*

**SUPPORT COLLECTION UNIT**  
**CSEB**  
**SCU**

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*Goal*

*To ensure that legally responsible persons, to the best of their ability, contribute toward the support of their children.*



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*What is Child Support?*

*Support includes:*

- support payments
- medical coverage and/or reimbursement of uncovered costs
- tuition
- day care costs
- other costs relating to needs of the children



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*To Whom Does CSEB Provide Services?*

*Custodial parent (CP), guardian/caretaker residing in Suffolk County who is seeking child support for children under 21 from the non-custodial (absent) parent.*

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### *To Whom Does CSEB Provide Services? (cont'd)*

- *Temporary Assistance (TA)  
recipient*
- *Not in receipt of TA*
- *DSS obo children who  
placed in foster care*

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### *Application Process*

- *A custodial parent receiving TA  
interoffice automatic referral by  
Client Benefits Division.*
- *A custodial parent not in receipt of  
TA contacts Intake Unit by phone  
(854-3183) or in person for interview*
- *Foster care cases referred by Family  
and Children's Services Division*



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### *Services Provided*

- *Assistance in Establishment of  
paternity*
- *Location of non-custodial parent*
- *Assistance in Establishment of  
a support order*
- *Collection of support*
- *Enforcement of support order*
- *Modification of a support order*

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## Location Process

*Identify and verify location of non-custodial parent when location is questionable or unknown.*

*Automated computer search linked to*

<i>Post Office</i>	<i>Social Security</i>
<i>Employers</i>	<i>Prison system</i>
<i>DMV</i>	<i>UIB</i>
<i>Military</i>	<i>Dept of Tax &amp; Finance</i>
<i>IRS</i>	<i>Financial Institutions</i>

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## Establishment of Paternity

*The process by which the biological parent of a child born out of wedlock is identified and adjudicated as the legal father.*



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## How is Paternity Established

- *Voluntary acknowledgment of paternity*
- *Petition requesting an Order of Filiation*

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### Petition

*Request for court to take action.*

*could be.....*

- *Paternity petition*
- *Support petition*
- *Modification of an existing order*
- *Violation Petition*

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### What Happens Next?

- *The petition is sent to the Family Court General Clerk's Office to be placed on court calendar*
- *A summons is sent to the custodial and non-custodial parents*



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### Family Court Date

- *Parties appear in front of the Support Magistrate*
- *If paternity is an issue, this is addressed first*  
*If the putative father does not deny, paternity is legally established*



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## Court Date (cont'd)

If putative father denies paternity:

- DNA tests ordered
- Parties return at a later date for results
- Results conclude putative father is the biological father
  - no further denial, paternity is established and support addressed
  - denial continues, hearing scheduled before Family Court Judge for determination

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## Court Date (cont'd)

--now, the support issue is addressed

Support order is entered based on the NYS Guidelines of the Child Support Standards Act (CSSA). Non-custodial parent pays:

- one child 17%
  - two children 25%
  - three children 29%
  - four children 31%
  - five or more children 35%
- (non cust adj gross income)



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## CSSA Example (support for one child)

Non-custodial adj gross \$360 wkly

Custodial parent adj gross

\$500 wkly

Total adj gross \$860 wkly

Non-custodial pro rata share of total adj gross income is 42%

Non-custodial must pay 17% of 42% of \$860 (or 17% of \$360) = \$61 wkly

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## After Court Interview

*Custodial and non-custodial parent are individually advised of:*

- provisions of support order
- payment information
- services provided by CSEB
- how to file objection to or a modification of a support order
- who to contact with questions

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## Collection of Support

- Court information entered into CSEB computer system
- NYS Office of Child Support central collection facility in Albany collects support for all districts
- Support payments monitored by local CSEB



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## Support Disbursement

- TA custodial parent – Effective 1/1/10, first \$200 collected per month is disbursed to the custodial parent for 2 or more children or the first \$100 collected per month for 1 child, the remainder to DSS
- Non TA custodial parent - support is disbursed to custodial parent pursuant to the court ordered obligation (ie. weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, etc.)
  - \$25.00 annual fee taken after the first \$500.00 paid in fiscal year (10/1 – 9/30)

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## Enforcement

*If non-custodial parent is not in compliance with provisions of order, administrative and/or judicial enforcement procedures implemented.*

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## Administrative Enforcement (no court involvement)

- income execution
- property execution
- passport denial
- driver's license suspension
- referral to Dept of Taxation
- credit bureau
- lottery intercept
- tax intercept
- occupational license suspension
- personal injury claims

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## Judicial Enforcement (court involvement)

### *Violation petition*

- lump sum or additional payments
- entry of money judgment
- referral to Dept of Labor for employment
- incarceration



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*How can court order be changed?*

*Administrative Action -  
Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)  
- must be 2 years AND  
10% deviation in COLA*

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*How can court order be changed? (cont'd)*

*Judicial Action:  
File modification petition for:*

- medical coverage*
- day care costs*
- education expenses*
- increase in support obligation*
- decrease in support*

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*UIFSA Unit  
(Uniform Interstate Family  
Support Act)*

*Establishment and enforcement  
of orders through other states  
and reciprocal countries*



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